



FWISD Elementary History Fair

Packet

FAQ's about History Fair

When should my school host the History Fair?

The FWISD Elementary History Fair competition is **November 5, 2009**. The campus History Fair competition should occur with enough time prior to the district competition. This will provide enough time to inform parents about their child advancing to the district competition and to register projects for the district competition.

Important Dates

November 3, 2009

Deadline for online registration of student products

November 4, 2009 – 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

On-site registration and delivery of projects

Location: Wilkerson – Greines Activity Center, 5101 C.A. Roberson, Fort Worth, TX 76119

November 5, 2009 – District Competition

5:30 P.M – 6:30 P.M. public viewing of projects

6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. awards ceremony for Elementary History Fair

Where should my school host the campus History Fair?

The amount of space needed will depend greatly upon the number of student projects. The library and auditorium are great places to display projects for judging. Collaborate with your principal, librarian and/or custodial staff to assist with setting up of a space to accommodate the competition.

What kinds of awards do we give to students?

Giving students awards is a great way to motivate and increase participation each year. Recognize all students for participating in the History Fair. Certificates of participation are a great way to validate a student's effort and accomplishment. Medals, ribbons, or prizes are different ways to reward those students who performed well in the competition. Rewarding student achievement does not have to stop at the competition rules. Some rewards may include most colorful, best layout, creative title, unique topic, and others.

What is the process for judging a History Fair project?

The FWISD Elementary History Fair competition uses the judging sheets created by the National History Day organization. It is important that students and teachers are aware of the different categories of the judging process and the requirements for History Fair.

The judging process can be a very efficient and effective process. Often time's teachers assist in the judging process by identifying projects that fulfill the requirements for History Fair. In essence, teachers host their own classroom History Fair. The projects selected by the teacher advance to the campus History Fair. This tiered process helps the history fair coordinator with the overall management of the campus fair.

Start recruiting judges as soon as possible. There are different resources at your discretion: fellow teachers, librarians, alumni, school administrators, and other community members.

The familiarize individuals selected to be judges with the different categories on the judging sheet. The National History Day organization provides explanations of the different categories used to evaluate a project. If the history fair coordinator is not available to work with the judges, provide a sheet with instructions, an explanation of the categories, and the judging sheets.

How do I inform parents and the community about the History Fair?

The campus History Fair competition is an opportunity for members of the school community to celebrate the accomplishments of the students. Use the school marquee to inform the community about the History Fair. Invite members of the administration building and the PTA to take a tour of the History Fair display. Not only will students appreciate the publicity, but the teachers as well. Please contact the Communications Department @ 817-871-2455 to assist with the dissemination of information regarding your campus History Fair competition.

Classroom tours are also a great way to get other students to see the accomplishments of their peers. Make a schedule for teachers to sign up at half-hour intervals or class periods to bring their class to visit the exhibits.

How do I get teachers and students started on History Fair?

Inform teachers about the suggested activities listed in the modules of the curriculum framework (grades 3-5). Share with teachers the following power point "[Preparing for History Fair](#)"

Teachers can access the power point presentation at the following web address:

<http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx>

How do I register student projects for the district competition?

Once you have completed your campus History Fair, each of the winning entries will need to be registered.

Each school is limited to a certain number of entries per category.

Individual Exhibit – Grades 3, 4, and 5 – one entry per level

Group Exhibit – Grades 3, 4 and 5 – one entry per level

Documentaries – 1 entry per school

Performances (Video Taped) – 1 entry per school

Open up Internet Explorer and type in the following url address into the web browser address bar:

<http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx>

This web address will take you to the registration link.

Please fill out the appropriate information for each of the entries you are submitting for your school.

After entering all of the necessary information, please click submit to register the student projects for the Elementary History Fair.

What are the rules for History Fair?

Adapted from the National History Day Program (www.nhd.com)

1. Your paper or project must relate to the annual theme.
2. You can only participate in ONE entry.
3. An individual exhibit, individual performance, or individual documentary must be the work of one student. A group exhibit, group performance, or group documentary must be the work of a minimum of 2 students and no more than 5 students. Each member must participate.
4. Your project must be your work. Your parents and teachers can only give you advice and guidance.
5. You must set up your project and supply the necessary materials.
6. Create a title for your project

Required Written Materials for All Entries

1. Create a cover page that includes:
 - a. The Title
 - b. Student name(s)
 - c. The Category
 - d. Grade Level
2. You must have at least 2 copies of the following
 - a. The process paper – this document describes the process you used to create your project. The process paper will include the following:
 - i. How you chose your topic
 - ii. How you conducted your research
 - iii. Why you chose the type of product
 - iv. How your project relates to the contest theme
3. Annotated Bibliography – The annotated bibliography will only list the sources that helped you complete the project. Add the annotated bibliography to the process paper and do not paste or list the annotated bibliography on the project.

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Quick Reference Sheet

I would like ...	Who has this information?	Where can I find it?
websites to help with the History Fair	Social Studies Department	http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx History Fair Resources – “Preparing for History Fair”
to review tips for creating an exhibit board	Social Studies Department	http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx History Fair Resources – “Exhibit Board Tips”
to review the modules for History Fair	Curriculum Framework	http://www.fwisd.org/educators/pages/default.aspx
to review the History Fair Theme	National History Day Website or Social Studies Website	www.nhd.org - look under the contest tab or http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx
to review the History Fair sample topics list	National History Day Website or Social Studies Website	www.nhd.org - look under the contest tab or http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx
to register my students for the District Elementary History Fair	Social Studies Department	http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx History Fair Resources – “Registration”
to look at samples of process papers for History Fair	National History Day Website	www.nhd.org - look under the contest tab
to learn more about the Big 6	Librarian or Big 6 Website	http://www.big6.com/kids/
to get information about the District Elementary History Fair	Social Studies Department	http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx John.Fernandez@fwisd.org 817-871-2737
to get information about coordinating a campus History Fair	Social Studies Department	http://www.fwisd.org/socialstudies/Pages/default.aspx John.Fernandez@fwisd.org 817-871-2737